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1. There have been no indications that the original demonstration was instigated by the SED or the Russians. The East Berlin police, KVP and Soviet Forces had not been alerted prior to the first demonstrations and the latter were called out only in the morning of 17 June, several hours after the spread of the riots.
2. As of 10 A.M. on 18 June, the East Sector appeared to be quiet, reflecting the effectiveness of the martial law. The populace appears somewhat bewildered and at a loss. Public transportation is still suspended. A general strike has not yet developed but there are indications that many workers, though present at their places of employment, may not work. For many workers, travel to work is impossible due to lack of transportation.

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